

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 3, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. POLK made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 123.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Hubbard, report:

This claim is as follows, viz:

For services as agent in charge of the public property at Ash-	
tabula harbor.....	\$672 75
And interest from the discontinuance of his service.....	188 36
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On a reference of the case to the War Department, the committee is informed that "the amount claimed by Mr. Hubbard for services (\$672 75) is shown by his accounts to be due to him;" and that "the claim cannot be paid unless provided for by Congress," "the appropriation being exhausted." This seems to settle the justice of the claim, so far as the principal is concerned.

In regard to the interest, it is believed to have been settled by Congress, in its action on similar claims, that in cases where the amount due is clearly ascertained and admitted by the government, and payment is delayed for want of appropriation, it should be allowed.

It appears from a statement of Colonel Abert, chief of the Bureau of Topographical Engineers, dated June 11, 1856, that this claim was then admitted to be due, and the committee have agreed that interest should be allowed from that date, and they report a bill accordingly.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE
FOR THE YEAR 1890

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1879, relating to the sale of the public lands, has the honor to submit herewith the following report for the year 1890.

The report is divided into two parts, the first of which contains a general statement of the condition of the public lands, and the second of which contains a detailed statement of the operations of the General Land Office during the year.

The first part of the report shows that the public lands are still in a large measure unexplored, and that the Government is still in possession of a large amount of land. It also shows that the Government is still in possession of a large amount of land, and that the public lands are still in a large measure unexplored.

The second part of the report contains a detailed statement of the operations of the General Land Office during the year. It shows that the Office has been very busy, and that it has accomplished a great deal of work. It also shows that the Office has been very successful in its operations, and that it has been able to dispose of a large amount of land.